MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 16 FEBRUARY 1960

PRESENT:

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1. New Work

    a. D/GC

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        Current work includes the ████████████████
        information)and CIA Budget Charts. The project for ████ 25X1A9a
        will require a lot of overtime.

2. Travel Plans

    a. D/GC
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        25X1A9a ████████ trip to Warsaw and Prague has been approved.
        ████████████████████ are going to assist with a
        training program at ████████ 25X1A6a

    b. D/GG

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        Approval has been requested for ████████████ proposed
        area familiarization trip to the Far East.

    c. D/GL
        25X1A9a

        ████████ has returned from his tour at Copenhagen and is
        back on duty at the office.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

    a. Cover for the Weekly and Monthly Map Acquisitions Lists
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        █████████████████████████████ to discuss possible covers
        for the Map Acquisitions Lists issued by D/GL; none of those suggested
        25X1A9a seemed acceptable to ████████████████ urged that we adopt
        the standard brown cover used for other ORR publications.
        25X1A5a1
    b. ████████████ Materials

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        ████████ reported on a communication received from the OO Field
        Office concerning ████████ research materials on West China. 25X1A5a1
        is presently residing in Honolulu, where he was interviewed by OO. The
        information is mostly in the form of diaries, which ████████ will make
        available to us in return for typed copies of the material. ████████ 25X1A9a
        25X1A9a will discuss this further with ████████ before any action is taken.

4. Problems

   a. County Fair Exhibit

      It was recommended in one of the branch monthly reports that the ORR exhibit at the "County Fair" be put in better shape before the next presentation. [redacted] look into 25X1A9a this and see that necessary action be taken to remedy any deficiency.

   b. Hand-drawn Maps

   25X1A9 [redacted] brought up the fact that for many "quickie" jobs requiring hand-drawn maps, more copies are required for files than for the filling of the actual request.

5. FY 1961 Budget Funds

   a. Travel

      Some funds are available for legitimate travel starting before 30 June 1960.

   b. External Research

      If there is any external research we really need to have done, there are funds available providing the contract is signed before 30 June 1960. [redacted] reported that they are already 25X1A9a looking into several possibilities; [redacted] will investigate the 25X1A9a possibility of utilizing external research help for [redacted] 25X1A9a operations.

      25X1C8c

6. Forthcoming Visit of [redacted] 25X1C8c

      An agenda will be worked up shortly by SA/RR for [redacted] visit to Washington in late March. [redacted] asked that the divisions inform him of anything they would like to discuss with [redacted] 25X1C8c

7. Coverage of Special Center Room

   25X1A9a [redacted] reported that a schedule has been set up to have D/GG Intelligence Assistants cover the Special Center Room each afternoon.

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8. <u>Foreign Trip Reports</u>

The DD/I's office is no longer interested in seeing all foreign trip reports -- only the "significant" ones. However, it is still important that these reports be submitted on time. Also, they should continue to be addressed as in the past and the same number of copies supplied to the AD/RR (but without showing distribution on any of the copies).

9. <u>Cuban Project</u>

25X1A9a a. <u>Cuban Mapping Contract</u>   25X1A9a

████████████ reported on a conversation with ████████████ of the General Counsel's office, in which ███████ questioned the legality25X1A9 of the Mapping Contract in behalf of AMS. The final decision has not yet been made.

b. <u>Cuban Urban Centers Project</u>
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████████████ inquired about the progress on the Cuban Urban Centers Project which has been requested of Col. Haberer of ACSI. ███████ 25X1A9a stated that, as of last Thursday, ████████████ was "working on it".25X1A9a

10. <u>D/GL Space at Vital Storage</u>
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████████████ reported that the space provided D/GL at Vital Storage was entirely satisfactory to him.

11. <u>Geographic Attache Post in Northern Europe</u>
25X1A9a
████████████ reported that Copenhagen will remain the GA post in Northern Europe; Stockholm has been turned down as a replacement for Copenhagen.

12. <u>East German Maps</u>
25X1A9a
████████████ reported that about 90 East German maps have been picked up by the Army in Berlin.

13. <u>Editing of D/GG Reports</u>
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In response to questions raised by ████████████████████ stated that <u>all</u> D/GG production must be edited by D/GG editors.